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Good afternoon Tonya,

Attached is the Division's report for the complete inspection of the Roadside Mine, conducted on March 20, 2025. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clayton Wein

Environmental Protection Specialist



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PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1981-041 Mine Name: Roadside Portals Operator: Snowcap Coal Company, Inc Operator Address: Ms. Tonya Hammond P. O. Box 443 Grand Junction, CO 81502	County: Mesa Operation Type: Underground Permit Status: Active Ownership: Private
	Operator Representative Present: Tonya Hammond
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only) 	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: March 20, 2025 Inspection Start Time: 10:15 Inspection End Date: March 20, 2025 Inspection End Time: 11:30		Inspection Type: Coal Complete Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Cloudy	
Joint Inspection Agency: None		Joint Inspection Contacts: None	
Post Inspection Agency: None		Post Inspection Contacts: None	
Inspector(s): Clayton Wein	Inspector's Signature: <i>Clayton Wein</i>		Signature Date: 3/31/2025

Inspection Topic Summary

NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable

N - Air Resource Protection

R - Availability of Records

N - Backfill & Grading

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Explosives

R - Fish & Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

N - Other

N - Processing Waste

N - Roads

R - Reclamation Success

Y - Revegetation

N - Subsidence

N - Slides and Other Damage

N - Support Facilities On-site

R - Signs and Markers

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This report documents the observations made by the Division during a complete inspection of the Roadside Portals Mine, Permit No. C-1981-041. The inspection was conducted on March 20, 2025, by Clayton Wein of the Division. Snowcap Coal Company, LLC was represented at the inspection by Tonya Hammond. The weather was cloudy with a temperature of 32°F. The ground conditions were mostly dry with some small areas that were damp/muddy.

AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS – Rule 5.02.4(1):

The records for the Roadside Mine are located at the Mesa County Recorder's Office on 200 Spruce Street in Grand Junction. An instruction sheet is available for anyone wanting to see the Roadside Mine's records. The instructions direct the reader to the Division's Laserfiche Database using one of the computers available at the Recorder's Office. The records for the mine were up to date. Please see the Availability of Records Form attached to the end of this report for more details.

FISH and WILDLIFE – Rule 4.18:

During the inspection several sets of deer tracks and scat were observed both inside and outside of the TR-69 Repair Area. Vegetation was beginning to green for the season, likely attracting the animals to the area.

HYDROLOGIC BALANCE - Rule 4.05

Drainage Control 4.05.1, 4.05.2, 4.05.3; Siltation Structures 4.05.5, 4.05.6; Discharge Structures 4.05.7, 4.05.10; Diversions 4.05.4; Effluent Limits 4.05.2; Ground Water Monitoring 4.05.13; Surface Water Monitoring 4.05.13; Drainage – Acid and Toxic Materials 4.05.8; Impoundments 4.05.6, 4.05.9; Stream Buffer Zones 4.05.18:

During the inspection, The landowner's trenches on the north and eastern portions of Tract 71 were dry. There

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was no indication of recent water application within the trenches. Additionally, the landowner's middle field, located east of Tract 71, also had no evidence of recent water application.

The Carey pit is located within the southwest corner of Tract 71. The pit is adjacent to the permit boundary. From the edge of the permit boundary, the pit was observed to have no evidence of water application from the landowner's buried pipeline (Photo 1). The bottom of the pit was muddy from recent precipitation events.

The N-1 Well is located within the northeastern portion of the permit boundary. During the inspection, the operator's representative measured the depth to the water within the mine workings. The measurement was 75.44 feet. This measurement is within the seasonal norms for the well.

The Discharge Point 016 was discharging at the time of the inspection. Point 016 discharges water from the mine workings. The electronic meter gave a reading of 91.53 gpm (Photo 2). This rate of flow is within seasonal historical ranges for point 016. The outlet for the discharge pipe was unobstructed.

Discharge Point 002 was capped recently. Point 002 was used as a backup discharge point to 016. 002 would discharge water siphoned from the lower mine workings. No discharge was occurring at the time of the inspection (Photo 3).

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

The TR-69 Repair Area is located within the northern portion of Tract 71. The disturbance for the TR-69 Repair area is approximately 0.4 acres in size and is the only permitted disturbance left in the permit area. The TR-69 Repair Area was observed to be stable with vegetative cover (Photos 4, 5 and 6). Vegetation was beginning to green for the season. There were no indications of differential settling or erosion. The straw waddles placed on the downgradient boundary of the disturbance were in good condition (Photo 7). There was no indication of off-site impacts. The perimeter fence was intact and the mine identification sign on the southeast post was legible and posted in a location easily visible (Photo 8).

SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:

Mine identification signs were posted in unobstructed locations. The signs were clearly legible with the required information regarding the Permittee, the CRDMS permit number and contact information (Photo 9).

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED: None

OTHER (SPECIFY): None

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ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

No enforcement actions were initiated as a result of this inspection, nor are any pending.

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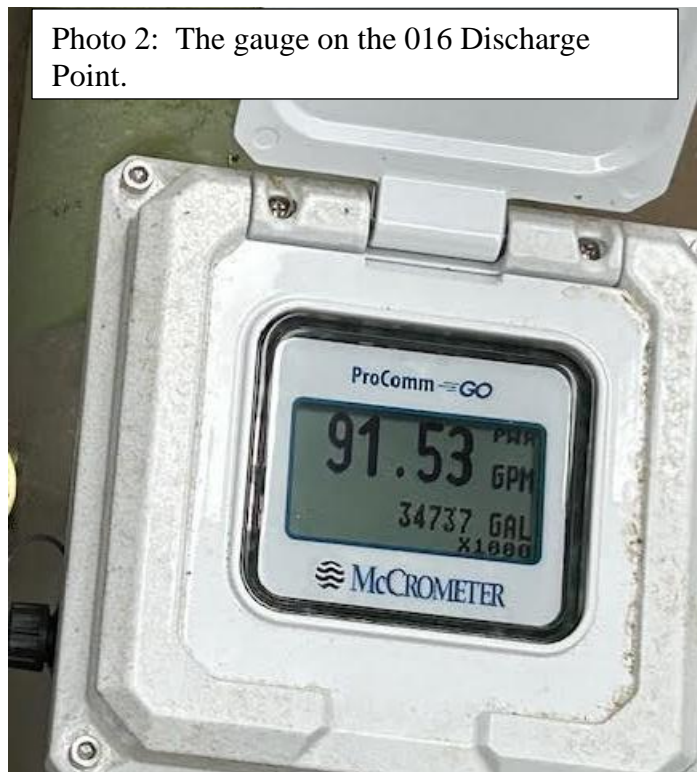
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PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo 1: The Carey Pit. Photo 1 was taken looking to the west.



Photo 2: The gauge on the 016 Discharge Point.



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Photo 3: Discharge Point 002 with cap.



Photo 4: The eastern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area. The photo is looking to the southeast.



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Photo 5: The middle section of the TR-60 Repair Area. Photo 5 is looking to the south.



Photo 6: The western section of the TR-69 Repair Area. Photo 6 is looking to the southwest.



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Photo 7: The straw waddle at the down-gradient boundary of the TR-69 Repair Area.

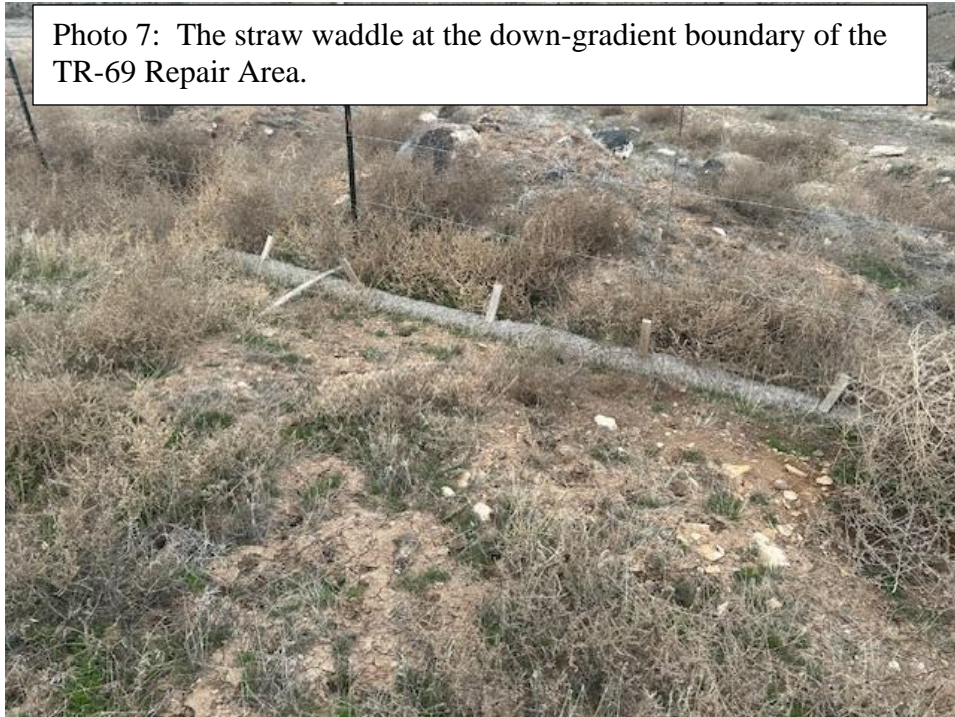


Photo 8: The mine ID sign on the southeast corner of the TR-69 Repair Area.



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Photo 9: The mine ID signs on the gate of the northern entrance to the permit area.



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AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS**PERMIT RECORDS**

DRMS Permit	RN-8
Permit Application w/Revisions	OK
Findings Document	OK
Insurance Certificate	Exp. 7/1/2025
Bond Document	OK
Phased Bond Release	OK SL-11
Documents/Findings	
Air Emission Permits	NA
County Special Use Permits	NA
UG Mining Landowner Notification	OK
Subsidence Monitoring Reports	NA
Subsidence Monitoring Data	PAP
Rill & Gully Survey	OK
Vegetation Monitoring Data	2024 ARR
Specific Variance Approvals	NA
Annual Reclamation Reports	2024
Midterm Review Documents	MT-8
DRMS/OSM Inspection Reports/Enforcement Actions (3 Years)	Up to Date/Feb. of 2025
Transfers/Succession of Operator	SO-2
Temporary Cessation Notification	NA
Reclamation Cost Estimate	RN-8
CERTIFICATIONS	
Pond Certifications	OK/Released
Annual Certifications for Impoundments	NA
Fill Certifications for Excess Spoil or Underground Development Waste	NA
• Quarterly Inspections	NA
• Compaction Testing	NA
• Final Certification	2008/2011
Coal Processing Waste Banks	Released
Haul Road Certifications	OK
Access Road Certifications	OK

HYDROLOGIC RECORDS

NPDES Permit	COR-0027146
NPDES Records	4 th Q 2024
Stormwater Management Plan	OK
SPCC Plan	NA
MSHA Pond Inspections	NA
	NA
State Engineer's Pond Inspection	
Quarterly Pond Inspections	NA
Annual Hydrology Reports	2024
• Ground Water Monitoring	AHR
• Surface Water Monitoring	AHR
• Spring & Seep Monitoring	NA
• Mine Water Discharge Monitoring	AHR
• Mine Inflow Study	AHR
• Water Consumption Records	NA
Well Permits	All Reclaimed

BLASTING RECORDS

Blasting Publication	>3 years
Blasting Records (3 years)	>3 Years
ATFE Explosives Permit	NA
Blasting Variances	NA
Pre-Blast Surveys	NA

**ADDITIONAL RECORDS
(specify)**

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